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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 15-23, and 25.

Please insert the following claims:

at  
--32. A method of inhibiting, in cells, apoptosis mediated by the Fas/FasL system, CD3/TCR system, or other intracellular mediators of apoptosis, comprising treating said cells with one or more GILR proteins, isoforms, analogs, fragments or derivatives according to claim 11, wherein said treating of said cells comprises introducing into said cells said one or more proteins, isoforms, analogs, fragments or derivatives in a form suitable for intracellular introduction